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The Department shall administer forest conservation practices on privately owned forest land and manage publicly owned forest lands. Representatives of the United States Forest Service and the Cooperative Extension Service may meet with the Department in an advisory capacity. The Department shall keep a record of its proceedings. The Department and the district boards shall cooperate with existing public agencies in forest management practices, flood control, recreation, wildlife management, and related activities. The Department shall direct and coordinate the activities of the district boards and hear appeals from orders or decisions of the local boards.

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